STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any proposal under Government's consideration to set up nickel mining and smelting project in Orissa called the "SUKINDA NICKEL PROJECT";

(b) if so, the amount spent so far on preliminary studies of the project; and

(c) the reasons for giving up the idea of establishing the project?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 77 lakhs has been spent on preliminary studies.

(c) In view of adverse economics of producing nickel at Sukinda and severe constraint on resources, the project is not being pursued.

Violation of labour agreement abroad

2123. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any case of violation of labour agreement was reported from abroad involving Indian citizens during the last one year; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken in each case against the persons involved?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) Complaints of violation of labour agreement involving Indian Citizen are being received from time to time.

(b) On receipt of a complaint, the matter is taken up by the concerned Indian Mission with the Foreign Employer and failing a settlement, the worker is assisted in approaching the Labour Court.

Low cost cinema houses in the country

2124. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to construct low-cost cinema houses in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the Statewise number of such cinema houses to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The National Film Development Corporation, a public enterprise under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, has a scheme for grant of loans for the construction of cinema houses in Rural|Semi Urban|Urban areas including loans for low cost cinema houses. The Corporation does not construct low cost cinema house on its own. Hence the State-wise number of such cinema houses to be constructed does not arise. The details of the scheme are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

DETAILS OF THEATRE FINANCING SCHEME OF NATIONAL FILM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

THEATRE FINANCING

The greatest blockage to the growth of good cinema is the lack of exhibition outlets. As part of its programme to promote good cinema, the National Film Development Corporation initiated a Theatre Financing Scheme in 1978. Under this scheme, NFDC provides loans to private entrepreneurs:

to construct new cinema theatres;
to renovate existing theatres; and
to replace equipment in existing theatres.

JOINT SCHEMES

To ensure wider coverage for the Financing Scheme, NFDC has joined